ചിറ്റൂർ, തത്തമംഗലം, നെമ്മാറ മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ഉപ്പ് കൊണ്ടുപോയിരുന്ന അവിടെ പ്ലേഗുകാരണം ഉപ്പ് പുറത്തേക്ക് കൊണ്ടുപോകാതെയായി. അതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെയുള്ളവർ മാലിപ്പുറത്തുവന്ന നേരിട്ടുവാങ്ങേണ്ടിവന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ പ്ലേഗിന്റെ ഭയം തീരുന്നതുവരെ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർനിന്നുള്ള ഉപ്പ് കൊടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വന്നതുകൊണ്ട് കുറെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടു വന്നപ്പോൾ ആളുകൾക്ക് ഉപ്പ് കിട്ടാതെവന്നാലൊ എന്നുള്ളഭയമായി. അതിനാലാണ് അങ്ങിനെ കുറച്ചുവിലക്കൂടുവാൻ കാരണമായിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഇബ്രാഹിംസേട്ട്: ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ഇന്ന വിലക്കു വില്ക്കണമെന്ന് റേറ് ഫിക്സ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ? ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും റേറു കൂട്ടിയതോ, അതല്ല കച്ചവടക്കാരായിട്ട് വിലകൂട്ടി വിറ്റതോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള കംപ്ലെയിൻറ്സ് ഒന്നും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല. ഫെബ്രുവരി തുലാത്തിൽ മാത്രം ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു ആക്ഷേപം പുറപ്പെടുകയുണ്ടായി.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഇബ്രാഹിംസേട്ട്: ഗവമ്മെണ്ട് ഫിക്സ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള റേറിൽ കൂടുതലായ റേറിനു് കച്ചവടക്കാർക്ക് വില്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: ഇല്ല, ഇല്ല. ഒരേ റേറുതന്നെയാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഇബ്രാഹിംസേട്ട്: മണിനു് എന്താണ് വില?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: ക. ൨— ൪— ൦.

36. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it a fact that Chittur dealers in salt have been lately refused further consignment;

(*b*) if so, why;

(*c*) are Government aware of the fear among the people of Chittur that there will be scarcity of salt in Chittur;

(*d*) do Government propose to stock salt in Chittur?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) No. But issue of salt to Chittur dealers were restricted in Thulam last.

(*b*) Because there was an abnormal demand for salt from the merchants of Chittur.

(*c*) No complaint has been received from them.

(*d*) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do not the Government think that in case of an attack, there will be difficulties to transport from Malipuram?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No difficulties.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government now take it not as a complaint but only as a suggestion?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Malipuram is a safe place. I do not think the enemy action will come to the backwaters. You can easily take salt to Chittur.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I am very glad of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the reason for the abnormal demand from Chittur?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* It was not only from Chittur but from so many other places also. Either it must be for the purpose of smuggling our salt into outside the State, or it must be for the purpose of hoarding

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You must always have a surplus stock.

Condolence Motion—Demise of Mr. George Chakyamuri

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur):* Sir, I beg to move the following condolence motion standing in my name.

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad and untimely demise of Mr. George Chakyamuri who had been for some time an elected Member of the Council".

In moving this resolution of condolence on the unexpected and sudden demise of Mr. C. L. George, I feel I have a great personal debt to discharge. He was my predecessor in this Council as well as at the Bar. He was the earliest representative of my community in this House although he was returned from a general constituency. From the very start, he made a mark in the Council by his sensible observations spiced with mother wit and natural humour. He distinguished himself as a promising practitioner at the bar and proved himself to be one of the best of our judicial officers. He held an unrivalled position in the social life of Ernakulam

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and of the State at large and there was hardly a dinner or garden party which was not enlivened by his presence. He was a friend of all and knew no caste or creed and was equally at home with the high and the low. I can bear witness to the invaluable services he has rendered to the cause of a community whose claims have always remained inadequately appreciated. His premature demise, therefore, is a distinct loss which cannot be easily made good. He was only about 43 when he was thus suddenly snatched away and I am sure everyone present here will feel the tragedy of his loss.

He was born in a respectable Latin Christian family of Kunbalangy in the year 1899. He completed his education in the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, and the Law College, Madras and started practice at Ernakulam in 1920. The valuable services that he rendered as a member of the Ernakulam Municipal Council, as Supervisor of Co-operative Societies, and as member of many Governmental committees, especially that of the S. K. Committee, cannot easily be forgotten. He was for some time the Law Reporter; then he was posted as Assistant to the Advocate-General; later on as Sirkar Vakil, and finally he was appointed District Munsiff. It was during his career as District Munsiff that he fell ill and was forced to enter on leave. After a few months of rest and treatment it was reported that he was all right, and everyone of his friends felt happy at the news that he was coming back to resume duty. Even during his illness, the characteristic humour of Mr. George persisted in him as can be seen from the many letters he used to write to his numerous friends.

At a time when his friends were feeling overjoyed at the prospect of having him once more into their midst, they were suddenly taken aback at the most unexpected news of his sudden demise. Mr. George has gone for ever from our midst, without leaving an equal, and his friends and relations are bound for ever to mourn this irreparable loss. With him have vanished a perennial source of wit and humour; we have lost in him a good friend. The government have lost one of their eminent judicial officers. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I second this motion. I know Mr. George for the past seven or eight years. I know him as an advocate. I know him as a presiding officer and I know him as a politician to wit. As advocates, we had occasion to appear on opposite sides, and I can certify to his unfailing humour and wit which was a great embelishment so far as his success at the bar is concerned. And, as presiding officer, I cannot better quote the authorities of certain of the leading advocates of Cochin State. Mr. Ambady Sankara Menon told me the other day about Mr. George's capacities. He told me that he is one of the ablest Munsiffs in the State. And two weeks before, there was a condolence motion at the Ernakulam Bar Association when Mr. R. P. Venkitakrishna Iyer presided and he stated that without any contradiction, he was one of the ablest Munsiffs in the State. As a politician, he was very farsighted. And when I met him, his political career had ended and his official career first began. Even then he used to give his views about the current politics. I remember in 1113, when the Franchise Committee report was published recommending special communal electorate for Latin Christians, he used to tell me that that was a wrong move. What I submit to the House is that he was a very farsighted politician. He was an able advocate, and by his untimely death, the State has lost a very brilliant and efficient judicial officer. Those whom Gods love, die young.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* On behalf of the Government, I wish to associate myself with the motion of condolence moved in the Council. The shock of Mr. George's death was very great to every one of his friends here. We all expected that he was getting over his long illness and he was about to attend duty. But all on a sudden we heard one morning that he had passed away from our midst. This was a shock indeed. I have known him for the last twenty years and he was a very good friend to every one of us. I have known him very well as a member of this House and I have known him even before he became a member of this House. He distinguished himself very much not only by his study of the subject, but also by the most friendly way in which he was getting on with all the other members of this House. It was happily said that he had no enemy in the House and outside. He always achieved his point more by friendly talk than by anything else. It was very difficult for any one to refuse Mr. George's request when he made it seriously. I myself had occasion to go out of the way to do one or two small things for him, at the time when he came to me. As a member of the S. K. Committee, we worked together, and his advice and his knowledge of the aided schools was very greatly appreciated by all the members. As a judicial officer, he did exceedingly well and the Government have really lost one of their best and ablest judicial officers. We are all indeed very much indebted to him for the help that we had from him and for the way in which he set an example in public life. He always showed that there was no enmity or rancour whatever be

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one's political views. However much strongly he advocated his own cause, when once the discussion was over, he was as friendly ever witty and humorous as ever. No one could really be enmical to him. We have lost in him a real, good friend and a really able judicial officer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Mr. George had been a co leaguе of mine. His humour and his association with people are known to me. He had been a brother to me. I do not want to go through all that has been said here. I associate myself with all that has been referred to here.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ അനുശോചനപ്രമേയത്തോട് യോജിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടുന്ന സമുദായത്തിൽ ഏറവും ഉന്നതനിലയിൽ എത്തിച്ചേർന്ന ഒരു മഹാനാണ് മിസ്റ്റർ ജോർജ്ജ്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഒരു മാന്യനാണ് ഇന്നു നമുക്കു നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു. നിങ്ങളെല്ലാവരും അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതുപോലെതന്നെ മിസ്റ്റർ ജോർജ്ജ് തന്റെ ജീവിതകാലം ധനസമ്പാദനത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയോ, കുടുംബരക്ഷക്കുവേണ്ടിയോ ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്നില്ല. രാഷ്ട്രീയ സേവനത്തിനും സമുദായോന്നമനത്തിനും സാധുക്കളുടെ രക്ഷക്കുംവേണ്ടി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പൂർണ്ണസമയവും ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ ജോർജ്ജിന്റെ നിര്യാണംമൂലം ഞങ്ങളുടെ ലത്തീൻ കൃസ്ത്യൻ സമുദായത്തിനു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും, കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തിനു പൊതുവേയും ഒരു രാഷ്ട്രീയനേതാവു നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുപോലെതന്നെ ഒരു ദേശീയദാസനും നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടുപോയി. അതുപോലെതന്നെ അദ്ദേഹവുമായി പരിചയപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കെല്ലാം ഒരു നല്ല സ്നേഹിതൻ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടുപോയി. ഇങ്ങിനെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനു വന്നിരിക്കുന്ന ക്ലേശത്തിൽ ഞാനും പങ്കുകൊള്ളുന്നതോടുകൂടി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനും നിത്യശാന്തിക്കായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. President: On behalf of the Chair, I wish to associate myself with all that has been said about the untimely death of Mr. George Chakyamuri while still in service. I request the House to pass the motion, standing.

Motion passed nem con, all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased

Announcement of the Result of Election of the Text Book Committee

Mr. President: The nomination paper of Mr. K. R. Achyutan alone has been received for election of a non-official member to the Text Book Committee till 5 p.m, on 24th November 1942 and therefore, Mr. Achyutan has been returned unopposed, to the Committee.

1. The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill)

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I beg to move that the Cochin Code o Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I beg to move that the Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

3. The Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I seek your permission to place before this House the Select Committee Report on the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act (Amendment) Bill. The main intention of this amending Bill is to seek powers to call on societies registered under this Act to submit accounts whenever Government request them to do so. Also, power is sought to review the reports of inspection and pass such orders as the Government may deem fit. They may also fine, or remove any member or servant of the society who wilfully disobeys the orders passed by the Government. It is also proposed that Government should retain power to fill up vacancies caused by the removal or dismissal of the members in the governing body when it is necessary to do so in the interests of

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